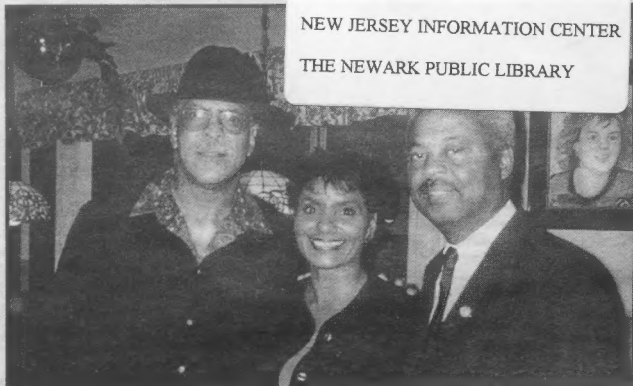


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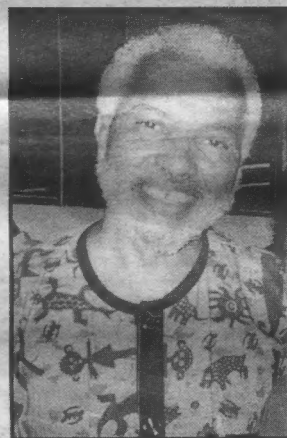
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Business Grant Winners — Five urban owned businesses received \$20,000 in business development grants from Miller Brewing Company's Urban Entrepreneurs Business Grant Competition and recently were honored at a winners' breakfast reception at Miller Brewing's Corporate Headquarters in Milwaukee. Featured in the photo from left to right, Virgis Colbert, executive vice president for Miller Brewing Company; Dorothy Antoine, Kianga Peterson, Zareth Edghill, and Carolyn "Jasmin" Ruotolo of K.A. Kitties; and John Bowlin, Miller Brewing Company president.



Entrepreneurial Training Institute — A record 108 students graduated from the Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI), sponsored by the New Jersey Development Authority (NJDA) for Small Business, Minorities' and Women's Enterprises. Several of the students who completed the intensive eight-week training program for new and aspiring entrepreneurs attended classes in Hackensack and Newark. Pictured are: seated from left, Uralia Pacheco; Kathy Hobbs; Susie Morrison; Simone Spence; Crystal Nevius; Terry DunnEgan (instructor); and Dr. Ron Cook; standing, from left, Dr. Chris Robertozzi, NP; Trina Estelle; Wayne Matthews; Marc Ferraro; Roger Moss, NP; Alex Echevarria; Manuel Correa; Cheryl Walker-Robertson; Mark Quinn (mentor and NJDA board member); Jose Guareno; Clarence Glover; and Paul Belliveau.



During the National Urban League's 2002 annual conference National Urban League President Hugh B. Price and Russell Simmons, chairman of Def Jam Records and the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, on July 30 announced a new youth reading and leadership initiative, Urban Leaguer Def Jam Reader, that is designed to increase the reading interest, civic participation and technology awareness of urban youth.

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U.S. Marine Corps — The United States Marine Corps celebrated the 60th anniversary of African American service to the Marines at the 2002 NAACP Convention. History making officer Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. (far right), an astronaut and the highest-ranking African American in the Marine Corps, shares a special moment with Montford Point Marines Melvin Clark (far left) and James R. Carter (center).

Curious Observer

There is a growing trend in this country of replacing grass roots African American candidates who "step out of line" with handicapped; establishment-financed political African American moderates. The conscious African American voting public must challenge this new insidious form of suppression of those who speak and act in our best interest. Wake up people before our blood gained civil rights are completely eroded.

For those naysayers whose heads are in the past when it comes to acknowledging that the Newark 'field of dreams' is real. I have only one comment about the private development group that is planning a \$93 million apartment, restaurant and shop complex conversion of the Hahne's building: If you build it, they will come.

AT&T entered the New Jersey's residential local phone market last week, putting it in direct competition with Verizon.

Now let's see if I have this straight, AT&T can offer local phone service in a market dominated by Verizon. Verizon (formerly known as Bell Atlantic) is a regional co-called "Baby Bell" that was created and limited to providing local phone service after the antitrust break up of the same AT&T in 1982.

Who can figure? Not me.

Change the name of Newark International Airport to commemorate the September 11 victims? That is as logical as changing the name of New York state, where the tragedies happened, or even better the State of Florida where the pilots learned to fly those planes used for destruction. Sense and sensibility, please.

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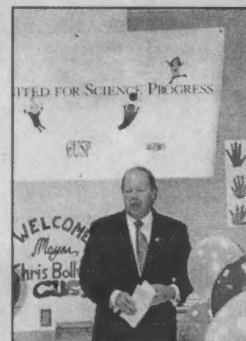
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S.O.A.R. Program — Mayor Chris Bollwage of Elizabeth speaks to the children from the S.O.A.R. program about the importance of science and engineering theories. The Mayor later participated in the Gumdrop Dome experiment, which was sponsored by Cities United For Science Progress (C.U.S.P.) in conjunction with DuPont and the United States Conference of Mayors.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

MCKINNEY OUSTED
IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA - Veteran incumbent Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), lost the controversial 4th District Democratic primary to Denise Majette, a former state judge with little political experience, but heavy backing from Jewish donors. The campaign served as a litmus test of African American, Arab, Jewish and pro-Israel disagreement.

REPORTER SAYS
GM GOT HIM FIRED

DETROIT - An award winning black journalist has sued corporate giant General Motors for allegedly giving his career a flat tire. Demetrius Patterson charged that his investigative report about racism in GM's Minority Dealer Development Program resulted in his firing by the Journal News in Westchester County, New York.

WTC PROBE BEGINS

NEW YORK — A two-year \$16 million investigation began recently to establish the cause of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, which killed more than 2,800 people. The investigation, which will be handled by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland, will use the same intense scrutiny that federal safety officials uses with airline disasters.

TRADE CENTER
DESIGN RESUMES

NEW YORK - Architects from around the world were asked last week to submit new proposals for redeveloping the World Trade Center site. The first designs were met with heavy criticism when revealed last month. Authorities have extended the planning stage for up to three months, according to a board member of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the city-state agency in charge of redeveloping the site.

FOUR PLEAD GUILTY
IN 1969 RACE RIOTS

YORK, Pa. — A 1969 incident involving 10 whites charged in shooting to death a black female during a race riot has resulted in four guilty pleas to murder conspiracy. Charlie Robertson, a city police officer who became mayor is expected to be tried for murder next month for his role in the incident.

Lillie Mae Allen, the victim, and family members accidentally drove into the neighborhood of a white gang during the one night riot.

Conyers says election reform bill may die

WASHINGTON — A federal election reform bill aimed to prevent another presidential election of 2000-type fiasco is in danger of dying if lawmakers fail to work out partisan disagreements before the 107th Congress ends Oct. 4. Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), dean of the Congressional Black Caucus and co-sponsor of the "Help America Vote Act," that passed the House 11 months ago and the Senate five months later, says the bill - HR 3295 - could die because the conference committee chaired by Rep. Robert Ney (R-Ohio) has never met; because Senate and House staff members are still attempting to work out major differences. Lawmakers can resume the session after the Nov. 5 election and in past years have con-

tinued work until near Christmas. But, Conyers, ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, fears the prolonged stalemate could kill the bill.

The bill would require states and localities "to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements," including the establishment of a grant program with \$400 million to help states pay for improvements to staff and voting machines. It would also establish an Election Administration Commission to oversee the changes to meet federal requirements. Between four and six million votes are believed to have been lost on Nov. 7, 2000, according to a study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Problems in Florida were particularly prominent. But other states, such as Illinois, South Carolina, Georgia, Idaho, New York and Wyoming all had higher rates of spoiled, unmarked or uncounted ballots in the same election, the MIT study reveals. A disproportionate number of people who were disenfranchised in 2000 were African-American, Shelton notes. Nine out of 10 African-Americans voted for the Democratic ticket in Election 2000.

Capitol Hill civil rights advocates are disappointed that the bill has not been signed, but are still hopeful.

This is an edited version of a story by Hazel Trice Edney.



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Editorial

Renaming EWR is an empty Sept 11 tribute

As the states of New York and New Jersey struggle for meaningful ways to commemorate the more than 2,800 lives lost during the evil terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, governors James E. McGreevey and George Pataki proposed last week to rename Newark International Airport. The recommended name is Liberty International Airport at Newark. An unwieldy mouthful and an insignificant tribute.

The renaming idea appears to catch the City of Newark and Port Authority officials off guard, and may in the best light turn out to be an example of how emotional sentimentality can negate thoughtful, legal consideration since the City of Newark has owned the airport for nearly 75 years.

The name change proposal was met with immediate acrimony, suspicion, and opposition. A City spokesperson said the City Hall switchboard was flooded with phone calls from residents who decried the idea. Most of the public comment addressed the sense of pride associated with Newark International, the expense to taxpayers, the public confusion that would result from the name change.

The equally thoughtful question is, will the families of the September 11 victims September 11 really feel honored in the way the Oklahoma City National Memorial, and Memorial Center Museum honors the victims who died in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing? The answer will more than likely be "no."

This suggestion comes at a time when Newark is in the midst of a "destination Newark" public relations campaign as part of its resurgence. It is called branding.

A more reasoned new airport name was offered by Mayor Sharpe James who suggested Newark Liberty International Airport. This name is certainly a sympathetic compromise, which achieves the goals of honoring the victims of September 11 and preserve the airports identity with the City of Newark as they all seek to move forward, but a more meaningful tribute would be better all around.

We need to flex our substantial financial muscle

By George E. Curry
Editor-in-chief, NNPA

As we continue the reparations campaign, we need to focus on how we spend what we already have. According to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia, black buying power—the personal income available after taxes for spending on goods and services—was \$316.5 billion in 1990. That figure will increase to \$852.8 billion in 2007. That's an increase of 170 percent over 17 years and exceeds the growth rate of 112 percent for whites over that period.

Instead of complaining about how we are treated by banks, we could own many more financial institutions. A group led by Magic Johnson, Janet Jackson and former Motown Records president Jheri Busby bought the majority interest Los Angeles-based Founders National Bank in 1998, they paid \$2.5 million. The group recently merged with Boston Bank of Commerce, making it the nation's third-largest black-run banking system, with about \$264 million in combined assets.

If we want to encourage those banks to provide mortgages and business loans to inner city residents, one church—not even a mega church—could make a significant impact on that bank's bottom line. Say five ministers persuades 25 homeowners in each of their congregation to refinance their homes at the local black bank. If each home has a remaining mortgage of \$200,000, even if the interest on that amount came to a conservative \$100,000, that bank would have more than \$12 million to work with over the length of those mortgages that would be available for that bank to reinvest in the development of houses or businesses in the neighborhood. Add automobile and personal loans and investment portfolios, and the mix would easily exceed \$15 million in additional revenue. This could instantly transform some of our communities.

As we establish our businesses, we must make it a point to not support businesses that don't support us. African-Americans spend a larger share of their incomes than the general population on housing, clothing, shoes, groceries, personal care products and services, utilities, telephone services and insurance. Yet many major companies don't advertise in our black newspapers or with our black radio stations, even if that station has the highest rating in its community.

John "Jake" Oliver, the president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, a federation of more than 200 African-American newspapers, says that when a company advertises with the black press, it is clear that they are interested in seeking the business of black consumers. He points to study after study that show that black readers and viewers have much more favorable impressions of ads and commercials specially directed at them. And if they are not willing to even do what's in their best business interest, we should decide they are not acting in our best interest. Are you listening Jesse? Mfume? Rev. Al? Hugh? Minister Farrakhan? I know of the efforts you've already made—I also know about the few crumbs some of you get that can be considered "hush money"—but it's time to push even harder. Let's not ask for respect, let's demand it for our people and not just those close to us.

In another 50 years or so, whites will become a minority in the United States just as they already are in the world. Cloning Dolly won't alter that reality. If a business is to expand in this country, it must rely on people of color for that growth. But if they want to rely on us as consumers, we must be able to rely on them to return some of that investment to our communities. If they refuse, there should be economic consequences.

Africa needs more than attention from the world

By Eddie N. Williams

Leaders from around the globe have assembled in Johannesburg for the World Summit on Sustainable Development — another example of the increased attention Africa has received in recent months. But Africa needs more than high-profile attention. It needs implementation of a concrete, long-term growth strategy like the one which the Summit hopes to produce.

The G-8 leaders from the world's richest nations recently produced an Africa aid plan that, unfortunately, is richer in promise than in fact. It is notable that the \$6 billion Africa might receive from the G-8, beginning in 2006, is considerably less than the \$10 billion committed to the former Soviet states—in another form of foreign assistance—

to dismantle nuclear weapons. At the G-8 meeting, President Bush promised little new aid to Africa beyond what was previously announced. He pledged a 50 percent increase in international economic assistance in March, which is significant. The U.S. increase would require congressional approval and continued White House backing, two unguaranteed factors. But even if that increase becomes reality, the U.S. foreign assistance would rise to represent only 0.13 percent of our nation's gross domestic product in 2006.

Of course, Africa should not wait for the U.S. or any other rich nation to provide assistance that may or may not come in the amount and form needed to substantially raise its standard of living. Last month, African leaders took the initiative by launching the African Union

(AU). The AU is positioned to make important advances in African stability and democracy, but Africa can't do it alone. The eradication of unfair trade barriers and the adoption of realistic foreign aid programs by the U.S. and other rich nations also are required.

The Joint Center has worked on good governance efforts in Africa for several years. Our Johannesburg office is focusing on HIV/AIDS, which is devastating the continent and drastically reducing African progress. Rep. Carrie Meek said it well: "In order to erase this scourge from the planet, a re-commitment, not complacency, is required by the United States and all governments around the world."

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I don't care if they never come back

by Lloyd Williams

"Take me out to the ball game. Take me out with the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack, I don't care if I never get back, Let me root, root, root for the home team, If they don't win it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out, At the old ball game."

—lyrics by Jack Norworth, 1908

Though it bills itself as our national pastime, Major League Baseball is once again coming apart at its curved seams. The brouhaha between the owners and players has bubbled-up to the point where we're facing another season-ending strike, the eighth in the last 30 years. Frankly, I have no idea why fans continue to support a sport which treats them so shabbily. The parties, in a repeat of the wrangling which led to prematurely ending the 1994 season, are arguing over how to divvy up the billions of dollars in revenues it rakes in each year.

Although one side speaks about preserving the integrity of the game while the other talks about acting in the best interests of baseball, both are actually rationalizing away some rather self-serving behavior. For each is more than willing to cancel the World Series in the name of their cause. This fact exposes the truth that the only game really being played here is a financial one with very high stakes.

Another early exit will leave fans holding the bag, with their tickets, team caps, jerseys, player cards, rotisserie leagues, placed bets and rooting interests suddenly rendered meaningless and moot. While snubbed adults can readily turn their attention to the kickoff of the football, which is actually a much better spectator sport, I'm more concerned about the children. What effect does the 'profits before people' message have on them?

I suspect that it probably crushes the idealism and innocence out of our kids, replacing it with a creeping cynicism and an infantile narcissism. Every boy may still want to be a baseball player when he grows up. And he may continue to emulate every action of his role models, for worse and for better. But because today, winning is everything, getting there has become far more important than earning the right to be there.

Yet we all wonder why the celebrated Little Leaguers of today are cheaters like last year's Danny Almonte and showboaters like this year's media darlings, the diamonddotters from Harlem. Don't blame the boys, they're only fast learners. They've just become what they behold. Hey, are you ready for some football?

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NJ signs agreement to lower youth tobacco sales

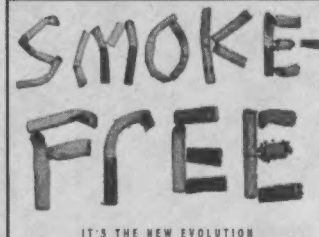
TRENTON — Attorney General David Samson announced today that New Jersey is among 43 states that have signed an agreement with the ExxonMobil Corporation designed to reduce tobacco sales to minors.

Under the agreement, ExxonMobil will implement new policies aimed at preventing underage tobacco sales, including enhanced training of store clerks, greater consistency in asking for proof of age, and regular monitoring of tobacco transactions.

"I applaud ExxonMobil for its desire to reduce underage sales, and for its willingness to take meaningful action to accomplish that goal," Samson said. "This agreement will help to prevent unlawful tobacco purchases at ExxonMobil service stations and convenience stores by ensuring that store personnel are better trained, better supervised and more accountable regarding tobacco transactions."

More than 900 ExxonMobil retail outlets operate in New Jersey, including stores operated by the corporation itself, and others that display the Exxon or Mobil names but are operated by franchisees. Nationwide, there are more than 1,000 company-owned outlets.

According to Samson, the agreement resulted from ongoing discussions between Attorneys General throughout the nation and ExxonMobil on how best to address the problem of underage consumers buying tobacco products at gas stations and convenience stores bearing the Exxon or Mobil brand names.



Anti-smoking Boyz II Men poster is one of many national efforts to reduce the teenage smoking behavior.

Samson explained that, under the agreement, ExxonMobil will implement standards for the hiring, employment and training of its employees regarding tobacco product sales. The company will also instruct store clerks to I.D. all customers who appear to be under age 27. ExxonMobile will use store security

videotaping systems to monitor compliance.

In addition ExxonMobil has agreed to ban self-service tobacco product displays, refuse the sale to minors of tobacco-related products such as matches, lighters, cigarette papers and pipes, and prohibit the distribution of free, tobacco-related product samples on store property at all company-operated stores. ExxonMobil has also agreed to retain an independent firm to conduct random, anonymous compliance checks, and will use internal monitors to ensure that clerks in company-owned stores are observing tobacco sales protocols.

Samson said the agreement calls for ExxonMobil to also obtain written commitments from some 16,000 Exxon or Mobil franchisees that they will not permit underage tobacco sales on their premises, and will notify ExxonMobil if they are formally cited by law enforcement for making such sales. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, an average of one in every four attempts nationwide by a person 15-to-17-years-old to illegally buy cigarettes over the counter results in a sale.

Under New Jersey law, customers seeking to buy cigarettes or any other tobacco product must be 18 or older. Selling tobacco products to a minor is a petty disorderly offense in New Jersey, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for a first violation and a maximum of \$1,000 for subsequent offenses. If convicted, retailers can be fined up to \$1,000 for multiple violations. Retailers can also have their licenses suspended, or after a subsequent violation, revoked.

Business Briefs

NJ, NY CONSIDER RENAMING NEWARK AIRPORT TO LIBERTY

NEWARK — The governors of New Jersey and New York have proposed renaming Newark International Airport, "Liberty International Airport at Newark," to "commemorate the memory of the heroes of that day," Governor James E. McGreevey said recently. The idea was announced during the unveiling of plans for a state-of-the-art viewing wall at Ground Zero to allow visitors to pay their respects and safely view the World Trade Center site.

ENRON SUBSIDIARY FINED \$50 FOR NJ UTILITY LICENSE VIOLATION

TRENTON — The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities recently fined Enron Energy Marketing Corporation (EEMC) \$50,000 for violation of State licensure requirements after the company changed its name but not its license from PSG&E Energy Services Corporation. The company continued to offer service under its former name. Officials said EEMC operated as a gas third party supplier in NJ for more than one year without the required license.

MCGREEVEY SIGNS BILL ADDING MARKETING TO UEZ FUND COSTS

TRENTON — New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey signed a bill recently allowing UEZ municipalities to include certain marketing, advertising and special event activities and other managerial and professional services as projects eligible for UEZ funding assistance.

COURSE GIVES NOT-FOR-PROFITS STRONGER BOOTSTRAPS

NEWARK — The State of New Jersey will offer a specialized training course aimed at helping not-for-profit organizations increase their self-sufficiency and reduce their reliance on grant funding. The Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI) in Newark and Trenton will offer the eight-week course. For information call ETI at 609-292-9279, or visit: www.njeda.com.

MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS TAP FRANCHISES FOR EXPANSION

WASHINGTON — The International Franchise Association and Minority Business Development Agency will conduct a joint forum to increase minority awareness of the franchise ownership opportunities that are available as vehicles to becoming independent business owners. For information call IFA at 202-628-8000, or visit: www.franchise.org.

ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING CLASS OFFERED IN NEWARK

JERSEY CITY — New, aspiring business owners can register now for the fall session of NJDEA's Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI) which will conduct eight week programs in cities including Hackensack, Jersey City, Newark, Trenton and Union. For information call ETI at 609-292-9279, or visit: www.njeda.com.

FIRM SEEKS TO TAP AN EMERGING MARKET

YUCAIPA, CA. — Carlton Jenkins is looking to tap into emerging markets here in the U.S. As managing partner in the Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund, Jenkins will be seeking to link urban-based minority- or female-owned businesses with Fortune 500 corporations for opportunities to invest in, partner with, or acquire services from.

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Health & science:

McGreevey announces early intervention program

TRENTON — Approximately 14,000 children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families will receive needed special services this fiscal year in New Jersey's Early Intervention Program, Health and Senior Services Commissioner Clifton R. Lacy, M.D. announced recently.

Fifteen million dollars in additional funding raises the total program budget to \$55 million enough to care for all the children and families expected to qualify for the program this year. The Early Intervention Program serves children from birth to age three

with delays in social or emotional development, communication difficulties, and hearing or vision problems, among other developmental issues.

"Governor McGreevey and I are committed to this very important program," Commissioner Lacy said. "We must continue to provide care that helps children progress toward developmental goals and to help families deal with the challenges of raising a child with special needs."

Special needs children include those with autism, Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, vision impairments, and general developmental delays,

such as those that may be experienced by premature infants. They have, or may develop, long-term physical, developmental, or behavioral conditions, which require health and related services beyond those needed by children in general.

Children are referred to Special Child Health Services Case Management Units in each county. Teams of experts evaluate the children and design service plans for eligible families.

The Early Intervention Program caseload has grown by at least 15 percent per year for the last several years.

The lowdown on low-tar cigarettes

NAPS — Okay, so you want to kick your smoking habit once and for all. Instead of going cold turkey, you figure you'll switch to a lower tar or "light" brand to wean yourself from your addiction. Besides, you reason, the low tar brands are better for your health, right?

Wrong. According to a recent study by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), "light" brands are just as dangerous as other cigarettes because smokers compensate for the reduction in nicotine by smoking more and inhaling more deeply to satisfy their cravings.

"People who switch to low tar or light cigarettes from regular cigarettes are likely to inhale the same amount of cancer-causing toxins, and they remain at high risk for developing smoking-related cancers and other diseases," said Scott Leischow, Ph.D., chief of the NCI Tobacco Control Research Branch.

The news is especially troubling considering that nine out of every ten cigarettes sold in the U.S. are low tar brands, according to the Federal Trade Commission, the government agency that regulates tobacco products. Although many Americans have switched to "light" brands over the years, lung cancer rates continued to climb through the early 1990s. Since then, the rates of lung cancer have dropped not because of "light" cigarettes, but because fewer people are lighting up.

The NCI study also highlighted a discrepancy between the amounts of tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide officially contained in low tar cigarettes and the amounts that smokers actually consume. The problem lies in the filters of low tar cigarettes, which usually contain vent holes to dilute the smoke. When tested by a machine, chemicals escape through the holes and the cigarettes register as "light" or "mild." In reality, many smokers cover the vent holes with their lips or fingers, increasing the amount of harmful ingredients they inhale. "Smokers should not believe that the tar and nicotine levels listed on a pack of cigarettes are what they are actually inhaling," warned Dr. Leischow.

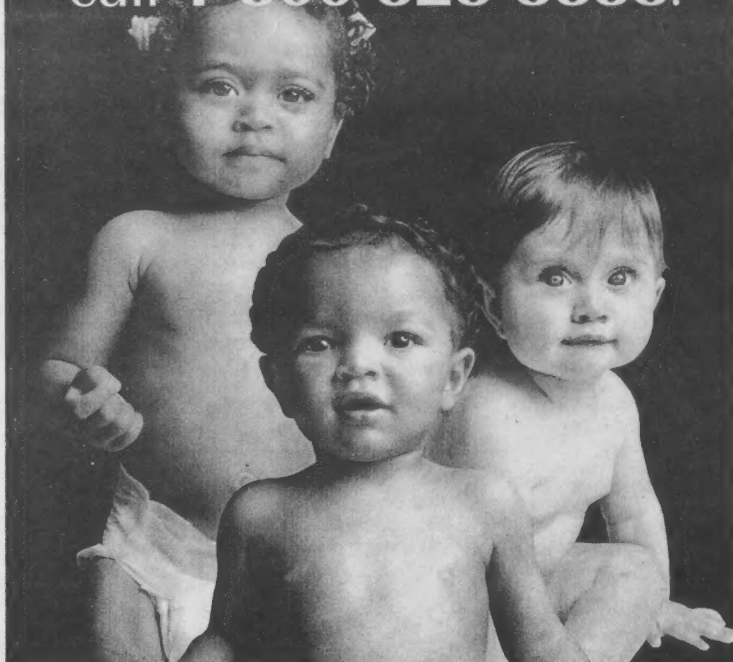
A number of programs are available to help smokers kick the habit. Perhaps the most compelling evidence that "light" does not equal "healthy" comes from the tobacco industry itself. One cigarette manufacturer, for example, touts its low tar product as having "reduced carcinogens, premium taste." In fact, the CEO of this very company has predicted that complete abstinence will not happen in the foreseeable future.

In New Jersey, nearly one in five adults smoke. For young adults age 18 to 24, the figure jumps to more than one in four, according to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

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Health Briefs

Bipolar disease rising among children

Bipolar disease — once known as manic depression has plummeted in young people from 32 to 19. Bipolar disorder, a ferocious mental illness, seems to be showing up in kids at an increasing rate. As doctors look deeper into the condition and begin to understand its underlying causes, they are coming to the unsettling conclusion that large numbers of teens, children and even babies might also be suffering from the disease. Luckily, this comes at a time when the understanding and acceptance of medical illnesses is at an all-time high.

Anti-abortion groups seek ban of abortion pill

Recently three anti-abortion groups in Washington petitioned the US Food and Drug Administration to revoke its approval of the abortion pill Mifeprex, also known as RU-486, saying the agency violated its own rules. The groups said the drug, approved in September 2000, jeopardizes the health of women who take it, pointing in part to an April letter from manufacturer Danco Laboratories. The letter alerted doctors to a case of a woman who died of a bacterial infection and another who had a heart attack. Both women took Mifeprex and another drug, misoprostol.

NJ Abbott districts school construction up 150 percent since July under newly enacted streamlined contract approval system

TRENTON — The efforts of Governor James E. McGreevey and the staff of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) have resulted in a marked increase in the progress of school construction, according to Governor James E. McGreevey who said recently that as of July 31, 2002, the EDA had issued a total of 100 Notices to Proceed (NTPs) to contractors, which represents a 150 percent increase in construction contracts.

"We made fixing this program one of our first orders of business when we took office. We have already succeeded in accelerating funding to districts and breaking bureaucratic logjams," said the Governor when the streamlined process was announced last month.

The NTP is the document the EDA provides to firms that are awarded a contract. The document allows the firm to begin construction on a school project. Of the total 100 NTPs that have been extended, 64 were issued over the course of a year, between July 2001 and June 30, 2002. However, in the month of July 2002 alone, EDA

way or completed from approximately \$75 million to \$190 million — a 150% increase in just one month.

"Governor McGreevey's guidance and support of the school construction program have been instrumental in the increasing the program's momentum," said Franzini.

Under the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2000, the EDA was tasked with the job of constructing school facilities projects in the 30 Abbott districts and the approximately 31 districts receiving over 55 percent in state aid for education or Level II monitoring districts.

In addition, under EFCFA, the Authority was given the responsibility of providing grants to the more than 550 districts that receive less than 55 percent in state aid in connection with their school facilities projects which they construct themselves.

Placing school construction in the Abbott districts on a faster track has been welcomed and questioned by experts and advocates in recent months.

Edwina M. Lee, New Jersey School Boards Association



Photo courtesy of the NJ EDA

Workers labor on the roofing project at the Florence School in Irvington.



Photo courtesy of the NJ EDA

The artist rendering of the Union City Middle School that is slated to begin construction this fall.

issued 36 NTPs.

"This data reflects a major increase in activity which can be attributed to an intensive effort to trim the process pursuant to the Governor's direction to streamline the school construction program," said EDA Executive Director Caren Franzini.

More significantly, noted Franzini, the dollar value of the projects during the month of July totaled \$114 million, bringing the cumulative value of construction projects under-

(NJSBA) executive director recently commended the state Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the EFCFA.

The court's decision, in *Lonegan v. New Jersey*, concurred with arguments presented by NJSBA on behalf of the state's local boards of education, the organization said.

The NJSBA, which represents more than 600 local boards of education, asserted that the state constitution did not prohibit the legislature from

authorizing independent state authorities to issue bonds. The EFCFA will provide more than \$8.6 billion in school construction funds, most of it through bonds floated by the EDA.

"New Jersey can now continue moving forward with the most significant public works project in our state's history," said Lee. "The school construction program will help property taxpayers in suburban communities by lessening the amount of bonds their communities must float for necessary school

construction. It will also enable the state to enact the Supreme Court's requirements for new school construction in the Abbott districts."

Alan Mallach, the former director of Housing and Development for the City of Trenton, cautioned against adopting uniform construction plans for the sake of efficiency.

"It is crucial that we see spending billions of dollars to build hundreds of schools as more than a court mandate in the wake of the state Supreme Court's Abbott decision," Mallach said. "Using the state's leverage to impose such plans on communities desperate for funds that only the state can provide would be the worst of all worlds."

"We need policies that permit local communities - not just the school boards, but government officials, nonprofit corporations, and neighborhood associations — to use their creativity to come up with the sites, plans, and designs for schools that will provide the greatest educational opportunity and the greatest neighborhood benefit, not only today, but for the next fifty or a hundred years," said Mallach, who is now a writer and housing consultant. (The Abbott districts contained 429 public school buildings with a total capacity of 222,076 students. The average age of an original school building in the Abbott districts was 56 years

old (1941) and the average age of an addition was 33 years old (1964), according to the state Department of Education.

The EFCFA will provide state grants equaling a minimum of 40 percent of eligible school construction costs to non Abbott districts. It also provides 100 percent state funding of new school construction in the Abbott districts, as required by the courts.

Since July 2002, when the act was signed, New Jersey voters have approved more than 75 percent of school construction proposals, a marked increase over previous years' approval rates, according to the NJSBA.

"Voters approved these projects because they know they are needed. In many cases their approval was based on the premise that the state would assume a significant share of the expenses," Lee said.

"Stopping this program, as the lawsuit sought to do, would have halted efforts by New Jersey school districts and voters to repair existing schools, to build new schools, to ease overcrowding and to provide the up-to-date facilities our children need."

One of McGreevey's campaign position was "leave no child behind." To review the status of repair work in each school district visit: www.njeda.com/njedaschools/about_us/nr080802.asp.



E Briefs Entertainment News

— Kim Bowman, City News

Enron insider writes book, gets movie deal

Brian Cruver, a former Enron employee has written a 348-page book about the Enron scandal and is current being made into a TV movie by CBS. After Cruver was fired, he didn't get mad but even. The book, *Anatomy of Greed: The Unshredded Truth from an Enron Insider* traces Cruver's awe after joining the elite company nine months before its collapse. "I was writing about my time there ... from when nothing was wrong in my mind to when I finally got locked out of the computer system," Cruver told CBS. *Anatomy of Greed: The Unshredded Truth* is in bookstores this month.

Suprisingly Tamyra gets the boot of American Idol

To my surprise, Tamyra, was voted of The Fox hit, *American Idol*. She may have had a new 'do and a "new attitude," but viewers weren't impressed. Last Wednesday night, they voted the 23-year-old beauty queen off "American Idol" in a surprising upset. "I was prepared for this. My journey ends here but it doesn't stop," Tamyra told the audience, which included an outraged Randy Jackson, one of the judges and a tearful Paula Abdul, another judge. "I am in a total state of shock," Paula declared.

Miss N.C. keeps scholarship, loses title

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Miss North Carolina will be allowed to keep \$12,000 in scholarship money, even though she resigned her title. Rebekah Revels resigned in July. She alleged a former boyfriend contacted the Miss America organization about nude photos of her in his possession.



Cassandra Wilson in free concert

Grammy winning songwriter and vocalist Cassandra Wilson, accompanied by her jazz trio is scheduled for a free performance at Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's "Evening Starts Music and Dance Festival" concert in NYC on September 2nd. The show will take place in Historic Battery Park from 7-9 p.m.

Named America's best singer by Time magazine last year, Wilson will perform songs from her latest Blue Note album "Belly of the Sun." USA Today's Steve Jones called the record, "A soulful and personal work," and raved, "Cassandra Wilson just keeps raising the bar."

Although her recording career has been somewhat erratic, Cassandra Wilson became one of the top jazz singers of the '90s. She is a vocalist blessed with a distinctive and flexible voice who is not afraid to take chances. She began playing piano and guitar when she was nine and was working as a vocalist by the mid-'70s, singing a wide variety of material. Following a year in New Orleans, Wilson moved to New York in 1982

and began working with Dave Holland and Abbey Lincoln. After meeting Steve Coleman, she became the main vocalist with the M-Base Collective. Although there was really no room for a singer in the over-



crowded free funk ensemble, Wilson did as good a job of fitting in as was possible. She worked with New Air and recorded her first album as a leader in 1985.

Wilson's performance in Battery Park is a part of the annual festival, presented for the past three years on the Plaza of the World Trade Center, which continues to benefit the cultural landscape of lower Manhattan with free performances, by worldclass musicians, singers and dance companies at its new venue in Battery Park.

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Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution

By Francis Fukuyama

"What should we do in response to biotechnology that in the future will mix great potential benefits with threats that are either physical and overt or spiritual and subtle? The answer is obvious: We should use the power of the state to regulate it. We need to start thinking concretely now about how to build institutions that can discriminate between good and bad uses of technology, and effectively enforce these rules both nationally and internationally..."

The aim of this book is to argue that the most significant threat posed by contemporary biotechnology is the possibility that it will alter human nature and thereby move us into a posthuman stage of history. This is important because human nature exists, is a meaningful concept, and has provided a stable continuity to our experience as a species. It is, conjointly with religion, which defines our most basic values. A technology powerful enough to reshape what we are will have possibly malign consequences for liberal democracy and the nature of politics itself."

—Excerpt from *Our Posthuman Future*—

Our Posthuman Future

Written by Francis Fukuyama

Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Francis Fukuyama basically has some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that we can't stop the rapid advances associated with the biotechnology revolution.

The good news is that it's not too late to take control before scientists turn us all into an identical race of mutant zombies. Like the hero of a lame sci-fi flick, Fukuyama purports to lay out his game plan to save the planet in *Our Posthuman Future*, an alarmingly unenlightened discourse on the possible fallout from cloning, genetic engineering, stem cell research and the like.

The author, a professor of Political Economy at Johns Hopkins University, purports to be a visionary but actually has precious little to add to the popular discussion of the subject matter. The pompous professor encountered the same difficulty with his previous book, entitled *The End of History and the Last Man*. The pretentious premise of that

treatise, that history is obsolete due to the dovetailing of all cultures into a unifying democratic capitalism, was subsequently disproved by the events of 9-11, wouldn't you say?

But that hasn't stopped Fukuyama from peering into his crystal ball anew to extrapolate again about human evolution. His fatal flaw this time has to do with his own inherent limitations, because, here, he is a political economist attempting to expound on biology, genetics and other areas beyond his expertise. And it shows, for Fukuyama wisely steers clear of suggesting scientific solutions to the problems he is so adept at identifying, coming up with a political answer at every turn.

Our Posthuman Future is already dated and superficial, just a little pre-digested pop-science pabulum reworked as excruciatingly boring pseudo-political theory.

When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence by Ray Kurzweil who envisions a world where machines with souls lead and people follow. How absolutely posthuman!

■ The Adventures of Pluto Nash

Review by Kam Williams



EDDIE MURPHY FINALLY UNLOADS UTTERLY UNWATCHABLE 'PLUTO NASH'

I suppose there was no way Eddie Murphy could stop this absolute embarrassment from opening, but somebody's going to Hell for foisting The Adventures of Pluto Nash on the unsuspecting public. As a well-seasoned reviewer, it was easy for me to spot all the warning signs of an approaching unnatural disaster.

First, though the film was completed in September of 2000, Warner Brothers took two years to release it. Nobody holds back a hit. Next, the studio never allowed critics to see Pluto Nash until the night before it opened, making it impossible for us to warn the world about the impending bomb. Instead, a 'pump and dump' promotion was employed, whereby misleading commercials pump up the movie before it is simply dumped in theaters, to milk as much money as possible out of audiences the first weekend, before word of mouth has a chance to spread the truth.

Need I continue?

Another signal came when some actors in the movie, like Alec Baldwin (Pearl Harbor), asked to appear unaccredited, apparently too ashamed to be associated by name with such a hopelessly flawed finished product. Eddie Murphy fans, are you listening? At least Mr. Baldwin had enough sense and integrity not to squander his support base by suckering them in to see such a lousy loser.

Nonetheless, here, Mr. Murphy proudly handles the title role of Pluto Nash, a supposedly 'futuristic' version of that tired, played-out trash-talker we've seen him do a hundred times before. The very familiar Pluto is just another one of Eddie's two-bit crook characters, the new twist being that the action is set in 2087 and that this edition of the stereotypical black smuggler/car thief is an African-Lunarian who operates a shady nightclub on the dark side of the moon. That premise doesn't even sound good on paper. Who's

the executive over at the WB who green lighted this cash-burning, cinematic fiasco?

This all-celebrity casts includes Pam Grier (Foxy Brown) and Rosario Dawson, (Monster's Ball), Joe Pantoliano (Memento) and Luiz Guzman (Traffic).

The movie starts out stupid and only gets stupider and stupider, too stupid for me to bother to reconstruct. At the point of departure, paroled con Pluto moves to the moon to make a new life, only to discover that a mysterious mobster named Rex Crater ("Crater" like the moon, get it?) has put a hit out on him, and that some of Crater's creepy-looking goons are already on his tail.

So, Pluto, with a faithful robot (Quaid) at his side and an easy Earth girl (Dawson) on his other arm, takes aim at the bad guys with an oddly outdated-looking laser gun. The visuals are dreary, the action is boring, the jokes fall flat, and the storyline is cartoonish.

Poor(0 stars)/Rated PG-13

Kam's Kapsules:

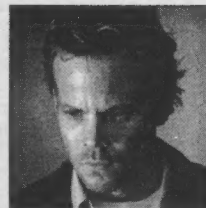
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Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

by Kam Williams

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Fear dot com (R for grisly sex-linked violence, nudity and profanity) Gruesome NYC crime thriller about a spree killer whose victims are all voyeurs who logged on to the same seductive Internet site. Stephen Dorff stars as the frantic detective who must crack the case in less than 48 hours or suffer the same fate.



INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Comedian (R for cursing) Jerry Seinfeld documentary/concert film combines observational comedy routines about fatherhood with the behind-the-scenes story of life after the TV series.

Love and a Bullet (R for heavy violence, sex, nudity and foul language) Black Mafia comedy with Malik Bishop as a hitman from the 'hood who falls in love with the woman he's been ordered to whack.

Mad Love (R for sex and nudity) True, 16th Century tale about the torrid but tortured regal relationship between jealous Juana, daughter of Spain's Queen Isabella, and frisky Fernando, Archduke of Austria.

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★ The Voices of Hope ★ Iglesia Sinal

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Tickets are on sale at the Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium Box Office, the Newark Symphony Hall, 1030 Broad Street, through TICKETMASTER outlets or charge by phone at (201) 507-8900.



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★ Doc McKenzie and the Hi-Lites ★ Rev. Timothy Wright and the Concert Choir
★ Cissy Houston and the McDonald's New York Metro Gospel Choir
★ Joshua Nelson ★ The Frierson Singers
★ Praisefest Mass Choir with Donald Malloy and Rev. Milton Biggiam
★ Paloma Martinez ★ Bless Destiny ★ Hosted by Dr. Bobby Jones

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Irvington mini precinct

IRVINGTON — In preparation for the reopening of the shuttered Irvington Police Department Mini Precinct, as promised by Mayor Wayne Smith, members of the East Ward Joint Block Association recently cleaned and buffed the interior of the facility.

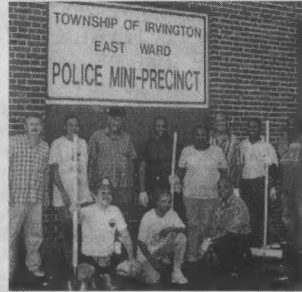
The volunteers were "encouraged to restore the mini precinct" after Smith reiterated his reelection pledge at a recent meeting of the block association, according to chairperson Rosie Gregg, an Irvington resident since 1973. "If anybody needs it (mini precinct), the East Ward does ... I hope it's going to be an immediate opening," Gregg added.

Gregg, an Irvington resident since 1973, said that crime was less prevalent

and police response time was better when the mini precinct was operational. In addition, the expansive site doubled as a quasi community center, where food and clothing drives were held sometimes in conjunction with efforts by the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, the antipoverty agency located on the next block served the needy who populate the vicinity.

The restoration of the mini precinct will "provide security and peace of more mind. We want to know we have an active police presence here," Gregg stated.

Howard Robinson agreed. Local businesses, such as neighborhood staple, the Credit Doctor, asked when the build-



Members of the the East Ward Joint Block Association pose outside the Town of Irvington East Ward Police Mini Precinct after their clean-up.

ing would reopen, Robinson said.

Mayor Smith, who promised during his inaugural speech to reopen the facility said, "We will have a fully functional facility that is properly staffed to augment public safety services in the area." The mini precinct was closed under the prior administration.

Acting Police Director Michael Damiano said he was impressed by the "commitment of the citizens to work toward improving the community."

Gregg summarized her group's volunteer work this way: "We are a part of whatever we are asking for."

Anyone interested in joining the East Ward Joint Block Association call Howard Robinson at (973) 373-2927.

Low interest loans open to low income families

TRENTON — Working parents who need emergency cash to fix or buy a car, cover housing costs or pay for child care can acquire low-interest loans through five community action agencies across the state that are administering the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) Family Loan Program.

"We want to let people know that this program is available," said DHS Commissioner Gwendolyn L. Harris. "These loans can help parents meet those sudden, unexpected expenses so they can keep working. The goal is to help people before they slide into a financial crisis."

The Department of Human Services initiated the Family Loan program in early 2001, awarding \$104,000 grants to five agencies serving different regions of the state.

The DHS grants cover staff and administrative costs, while the agencies secured \$300,000 each in private funding to establish loan pools.

The loans range from \$500 to \$3,000 per family, with the biggest loans targeted for cars — up to \$1,000 to fix a car and \$3,000 to buy one. So far, the five agencies have issued about \$200,000 in loans, roughly 15 percent of the total funds available.

To be eligible, parents must have been working at least 20 hours per week for six consecutive months. A single parent or the head of a two-parent household is eligible.

The income limit is 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$37,550 a year for a family of three.

Parents served by the program might be denied traditional bank loans because they are considered poor credit risks.

The loans must be repaid over two years at 6- to 8-percent interest. The families also receive mandatory financial counseling.

In addition to car expenses, loans up to \$2,100 are available for child care, a mortgage or other housing costs, and job-related expenses, such as tools or uniforms.

Loans should not be used for credit card bills, taxes, fines, business or travel expenses, or educational costs such as tuition or books.

For more on the Family Loan Program, Children's Aid and Family Services in Paramus at 201-261-2800; Northwest NJ Community Action Program Phillipsburg at 908-859-1777; or the New Community Corporation in Newark at 973-639-5613.

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Elementary School Hours
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Student Registration

Parents Registering students into school for the first time must show the child's:

- Birth Certificate*
- Immunization Documents
- Parent's/Guardian's proof of residency (i.e. current utility bill)
- Students transferring in from another district or from one Newark school to another must also provide a copy of their transfer records.

*IMPORTANT

To register for pre-kindergarten a child must be four years old on or before October 1, 2002. To register for kindergarten a child must be five years old on or before October 1, 2002.

For additional information on school registration and immunization requirements, contact your neighborhood school.

Attendance Policy

School attendance is required by state and municipal law. Excessive absences during the school year may result in student retention.

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June 27, 2003

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Marion A. Bolden
Superintendent

Immunization Requirements

- Immunization records must include specific dates for at least four doses or a total of five doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccines. One of the four doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- The child's records should include information on vaccines for rubella, mumps and a minimum of three doses or a total of four doses of oral polio vaccines. One of the three doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.
- Records must show dates for measles vaccinations. Students entering kindergarten must show dates for two measles vaccinations after the child's first birthday.

Free immunizations are available at the Division of Community Health, located at 110 William Street in Newark.

New Immunization Requirements

Effective September 1, 2001 all children entering kindergarten are required to have three doses of Hepatitis B vaccines. Additionally all children born on or after January 1, 1990 (11 years old) and who are entering grade 6, shall also be required to have either two or three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, as is the medically appropriate regimen for the specific vaccine administered. These are new State of New Jersey immunization laws.

- Upon receipt of the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine a child may be granted provisional admission to remain in school while the vaccine series, as appropriate, is completed within the proper time frame.

School Meals

Breakfast and lunch are provided to students on either a free, reduced or full price basis.

- An application MUST be completed for every school-age child in the household, as part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

- All applications can be obtained from the principal's office at each school during the first week of school.

- All applications MUST be returned to the school immediately.

2002 - 2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	
2	Labor Day
3	Orientation - All 10 Month Employees
4-6	Staff Development Days
9	SCHOOL OPENS FOR STUDENTS
	SCHOOL CLOSING DATES
OCTOBER	
14	Columbus Day
23	Early Dismissal Inservice 1:00 p.m.
24	Staff Development Day
NOVEMBER	
4	Puerto Rico Recognition Day
5	Election Day
6	Veteran's Day Observance
7 & 8	Teachers' Convention
27	Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.
28 & 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
DECEMBER	
20	Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.
23-31	Winter Recess
JANUARY	
1	New Year's Day
15	Early Dismissal Inservice 1:00 p.m.
16	Staff Development Day
20	Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance
FEBRUARY	
14	Lincoln's Birthday Observance
17	Presidents' Day Observance
26	Early Dismissal Inservice 1:00 p.m.
27	Staff Development Day
MARCH	
26	Early Dismissal Inservice 1:00 p.m.
27	Staff Development Day
APRIL	
18-25	Spring Recess
MAY	
26	Memorial Day
JUNE	
27	Last Day for Students Last Day for Teachers

At times, hazardous weather conditions or other emergencies may cause us to close schools or to delay their opening. News of these closings and delays will be broadcast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on several radio and TV stations in our area. Parents, students and school personnel are advised to listen for these announcements on the following radio and TV stations:

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WADO - 1280 AM (Spanish)	WBGO - 88.3 FM

Tune in to Focus on Education, hosted by Superintendent Marion A. Bolden, every Thursday (6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) on Cablevision Channel: 26. Learn about the Newark Public Schools as Ms. Bolden Talks with students, parents, school administrators, community leaders and educational experts. Also tune in to the educational access channel, Cablevision Channel: 49, from Monday to Friday (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), for programs that highlight students, parents and the Newark community.

Calendar

Community

ONGOING

Newark — The Pacific Intercultural Exchange seeks host families in the Newark area to house an international high school student for the school year. For info call 888-631-1818.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

New Providence — The SHARING volunteer organization holds its 25th Anniversary sale from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at 1442 Springfield Avenue. For info call 908-508-0089.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Road to Successful Homeownership workshop from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Mahwah — Ramapo College's NJ Convocation features a lecture by Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP at 4:00 p.m. in the Athletic Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road. For info call 201-684-7603.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Creative Writing workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Newark — The Council for Higher Education (CHEN), City of Newark and State of New Jersey host the Second Annual Summit on the Development of University/Business Partnerships, 7:30 a.m. at UMDNJ, 65 Bergen St. For info call 973-972-6364.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Small Business State of NJ Tax workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rahway — The Rahway Center Partnership presents its Second Annual Baby Day Parade from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info call 732-396-3545.

Newark — The Women's Housing Initiative hosts an educational event from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Essex County College, 303 University Ave. For info call 973-643-8800.

Business

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Paterson — The Small Business Administration holds a Business Finance Seminar at William Paterson University SBDC, 131 Ellison St., from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For info call 973-754-8695.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

East Brunswick — The NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission sponsors a 2002 NJ Conference on Economic Development from 8:00 a.m. at the East Brunswick Hilton. For info call 609-777-0885.

Newark — A Government Contracting for Small Businesses workshop will be held at the NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 10:00 a.m. For info call 973-596-3105.

TUES, SEPTEMBER 10

Bridgewater — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce hosts a business card exchange 5:30 p.m. at the Redwood Inn, 1475 Mountain Top Road. For info call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Newark — The NJ Society for Marketing Professional Services sponsors a workshop on the NJEDA's School Construction Program at 8:00 a.m., NJIT Gallery in West Hall. For info call 973-539-5353.

Trenton — A Government Contracting for Small Businesses workshop will be held at the NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 10:00 a.m. For info call 609-343-4845.

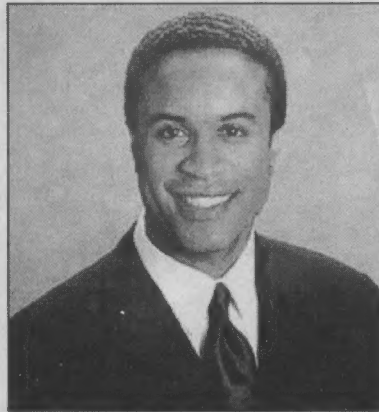
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Newark — The Small Business Administration holds a workshop on Starting and Managing Your Own Business at The SBA office, 2 Gateway Center, 25th flr., from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register call 973-645-2434.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Basking Ridge — A Procurement Workshop for Veteran-Owned Businesses will be held at the NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 8:00 a.m. For info call 908-527-1166.

Iselin — A Software Licensing Seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. For info call 973-379-4800.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Harlem — The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce presents their 2nd annual National Black Sports and Entertainment Hall of Fame at the Aaron Davis Hall, City College of New York. WNBC(channel 4) will celebrate the occasion with "Legends & Luminaries: A Grand Night in Harlem," a LIVE one-hour red carpet arrival show beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

East Orange — The Blood Center of NJ accepting blood donations. For info call 1-800-433-6522.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Belleville — The Women's Center at Clara Maass offers a Stress Management workshop series for three consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For info call 973-450-2890.

Artz

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Newark — The Downtown Summer Breeze Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the salsa sounds of Ivan Ivan, noon to 1:30 p.m., Washington Park, Broad and Washington Streets. The rain date is Thursday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Newark — The All Jazz Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the sounds of The Jazz Prophets from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park, Broad Street and Clinton Avenue.

Newark — The Recreation Pool Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the neo-funk sounds of The Third & Jam from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at JFK Recreation Center, 211 West Kinney Street.

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 14, 15

New York — 17th Annual Autumn Crafts Festival at the Lincoln

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

New Brunswick — Debut Management presents a "Gospel Showcase" at the Crossroad Theater. For info call 908-851-0840.

THURS, OCT 3 - SAT, OCT 5

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall presents "A Woman's Revenge" at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. For info call 973-643-8009.

Religion

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Newark — The Newark Museum hosts a town meeting Memorial to September 11 in the Garden of Remembrance from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For info call 973-596-6613. Admission is free.

THURS. SEPT 6 - SEPT., 7

Newark — The St. James Christian Learning Center, 588 Martin Luther King Blvd., holds registration for the 2002 Fall Bible Studies series. For info call 973-622-1344, ext. 19.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Newark — Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark celebrates an inter-religious service commemorating the one year anniversary of September 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. For info call 973-497-4189.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Newark — Registration will be held for the New York Theological Seminary Certificate Program in Christian Ministry to be held at Bethany Baptist Church. For info call 212-870-1211.

WED., SEPTEMBER 11

Newark — St. James A.M.E. Church hosts a commemorative worship service, "Remembering September 11 in Prayer" at the NJPAC beginning at 7:00 PM. The service is open to the public at no charge, however tickets are required. For info call the NJPAC box office at 1-888-GO-NJPAC, or St. James at 973-622-1344.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Newark — A Fifth Anniversary Celebration/Concert will be held at Metropolitan Baptist Church on 149 Springfield Avenue. For info call 973-642-2267.

Send your calendar items, and photos to CN: By fax, 973-642-5444; USPS, 111 Mulberry St, THC, Newark, NJ 07102-4009; or email, editorial@citynewsnet-work.com.

Center for the Performing Arts. For info call 973-746-009.

WED., SEPTEMBER 11

Newark — The Downtown Summer Breeze Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the jazz sounds of Keith Marks from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Washington Park, Broad and Washington Streets. The rain date is Thursday.

FRI, SEPT 13 - SUN, SEPT 29

Newark — African Globe Theater presents "Driving Miss Daisy". For info call 973-624-1584.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newark — Open auditions for "Amateur Night at the Apollo on Tour" will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chase Room, NJPAC. For info call 973-642-8989, ext 3105.

THURS, SEPT 19 - SEPT 22

Stanhope — The Ninth Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry festival will be held at the historic Waterloo Village. For info call 973-540-8443.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — A music lab is held every Friday for live bands and unsigned talent. For info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — NJPAC Women's Board Spotlight Gala celebrates the sixth NJPAC season with Lionel Richie and basketball legend Willis Reed. For info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

Local Briefs

Newark Airport name change considered

TRENTON — The governors of New Jersey and New York have proposed renaming Newark Airport to Liberty International Airport to commemorate September 11.

Wall Street employees to be fingerprinted

NEW YORK — Governor George E. Pataki has signed a bill requiring criminal background checks of all 1,500 AMSE, NYSE and NASDAQ employees.

DOE clarifies school frat ban

TRENTON — The Department of Education recently clarified its policy forbidding fraternity, sorority, and other society organizations in state public schools.

New police planned on old site

EWING — State officials have unveiled the concept design for a new State Police Professional Training Center and Headquarters Complex on the existing site.

Dale Caldwell gets Department of Community Affairs post

TRENTON — Former Newark Alliance executive director Dale G. Caldwell has been named Assistant Commissioner at the Department of Community Affairs. He will focus on economic and community development issues.

Ex police chief runs for council

MONTCLAIR — Former Police Chief Thomas Russo will run for election to the council at-large-seat vacated by Theresa O'Connell. Russo will oppose Joyce Michaelson, founder and president of the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, a local non-profit education finance organization.

Public can review new charter school applications

TRENTON — The eight new charter schools applications received by the Department of Education in July are available for public review. To schedule an appointment to review the documents contact the Public Information Office at 609-292-4041.

NOWNJ calls for death penalty pause

TRENTON — The National Organization for Women of New Jersey (NOWNJ) has joined a statewide campaign for a death penalty moratorium and study of its flaws and potential for error. With 10,000 members in 13 chapters, NOWNJ, joined nearly 200 other organizations statewide allied with New Jerseyans for a Death Penalty Moratorium (NJDPM).

"We welcome NOW to our struggle," said Sandra Manning, of Trenton, NJDPM Chairperson. "We need their help to convince lawmakers to take time out and examine New Jersey's death penalty, before they put someone to death here."

Criminal justice experts estimate that, within 6 to 18 months, New Jersey will carry out its first execution since capital punishment was reinstated here.

NOWNJ's state board of directors voted unanimously to support moratorium efforts at its quarterly meeting in Mt. Laurel last August.

"I'm thrilled that the board voted unanimously," said NOWNJ executive director,

Elizabeth L. Volz, of Glassboro. "NJ has always been a progressive state, recognizing there are many alternatives to the death penalty."

An Eagleton Poll released last May reported that only 36 percent of New Jerseyans support the death penalty over life sentences, without parole. Sixty-six percent of all respondents, including death penalty supporters, said they support a moratorium and study of the state's current system.

Charging the state's capital system with "significant risk of executing the wrong people," Manning pointed to 16 innocent New Jerseyans who were wrongly convicted of crimes that ranged from rape to murder.

Before finally being exonerated, the 16 served a combined 300 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Manning said race and class inequities are common in death sentencing here, adding that New Jersey's capital system costs taxpayers \$23 million more annually than life sentences would cost.

Manning asserted that New Jersey fails to meet 75 percent

of minimum standards for a capital system. In Illinois last May, the Ryan Commission issued the most thorough study of capital punishment in history, which cataloged 85 minimum standards for a capital system. The death penalty is law in 34 states; 13 states never reinstated it. Illinois and Maryland enacted moratoriums this year, and a New York federal judge declared it unconstitutional in that state.

NJDPM is the core group of nearly 200 New Jersey organizations calling for a moratorium on the death penalty and a study of the system's flaws and risks. The statewide alliance includes justice, education, labor, student, religious, professional, and civil and human rights groups, representing more than 110,000 New Jersey residents.

With offices in Chatham, Trenton, Collingswood and Cape May, NJDPM comprises more than 10,000 members. For information, call 1-800-257-6204 or visit www.njmoratorium.org.



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